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CLAIMS

1. Method of automatically sending special electronic messages from a portable communication device to a selected recipient including the steps of:
5 retrieving date information from an electronic date determination unit (40; 60),
characterised by the further steps of
retrieving first recipient related information from an electronic contact register
(44; 64),
10 automatically sending a special pre-configured electronic message over a
network to the recipient in dependence of the date information and the first
recipient related information (50; 68).
2. Method according to claim 1, wherein the first recipient related information is
15 date information associated with the recipient.
3. Method according to claim 1, wherein the first recipient related information is a
special message flag.
4. Method according to claim 1 or 2, further including the step of retrieving second
20 recipient related information from the electronic contact register and sending
the message also in dependence of the second recipient related information.
5. Method according to claim 4, wherein the second recipient related information
25 is a special message flag.
6. Method according to any previous claim, further including prompting a user,
after retrieving date and recipient related information, about sending the
message (48) and sending the message if the user has accepted sending.
- 30 7. Method according to any previous claim, further including the step of retrieving
the name of the recipient from the contact register and inserting the name into
the message prior to sending.
8. Method according to any previous claim, wherein the message is sent directly
35 to a terminal of the recipient.
9. Method according to any of claims 1 - 7, wherein the message is sent to a
remote server, which pushes it to a terminal of the recipient.

10. Method according to any previous claim, wherein contact information about a recipient is first received from a remote server and then placed in the contact register.
- 5 11. Method according to any previous claim, wherein the contact register is a register based on previously stored information about contacts and how these can be reached.
- 10 12. Portable communication device for automatically sending special electronic messages to a selected recipient comprising:
an electronic date determination unit (27; 34),
an electronic contact register (36; 38),
a message transfer unit (32),
a pre-configured message store (30) and
15 **characterised by**
a control unit (28) arranged to retrieve date information from the electronic data determination unit and first recipient related information relating to a recipient from the electronic contact register and effectuate automatic sending of a special pre-configured electronic message to the recipient in dependence of
20 the date information and the first recipient related information.
13. Portable communication device according to claim 12, wherein the first recipient related information is date information associated with the recipient.
- 25 14. Portable communication device according to claim 12, wherein the first recipient related information is a special message flag.
- 30 15. Portable communication device according to claim 12 or 13, wherein the control unit is further arranged to retrieve second recipient related information from the electronic contact register and effectuate sending of the message also in dependence of the second recipient related information.
- 35 16. Portable communication device according to claim 15, wherein the second recipient related information is a special message flag.
17. Portable communication device according to any of claims 12 - 16, wherein the control unit after retrieving date and recipient related information is further arranged to prompt a user about sending the message and effectuate sending of the message if the user has accepted sending.

- 5 18. Portable communication device according to any of claims 12 - 17, wherein the control unit is further arranged to retrieve the name of the recipient from the contact register and to insert the name into the message prior to sending.
19. Portable communication device according to any of claims 12 - 18, wherein the control unit effectuates sending of the message directly to a terminal of the recipient.
- 10 20. Portable communication device according to any of claims 12 - 18, wherein the control unit effectuates sending of the message to a remote server, which pushes it to the recipient.
- 15 21. Portable communication device according to any of claims 12 - 20, wherein the message transfer unit (32) receives contact information about a recipient from a remote server and the control unit is further arranged to place this information in the contact register.
- 20 22. Portable communication device according to any of claims 12 - 21, wherein the device is a cellular phone.
- 25 23. Portable communication device according to any of claims 12 - 22, wherein the contact register is a register based on previously stored information about contacts and how these can be reached.
- 30 24. A program product stored on a computer readable medium (74) and having thereon:
computer program code means, to make a portable communication device execute, when said program is loaded in the portable communication device,
retrieving of date information from an electronic date determination unit,
characterised by
retrieving of recipient related information from an electronic contact register,
and
effectuating automatic sending of a special pre-configured electronic message
35 over a network to the recipient in dependence of the date information and the recipient related information.
25. A computer program element comprising:

computer program code means to make a portable communication device execute

retrieving of date information from an electronic date determination unit,

characterised by

- 5 retrieving of recipient related information from an electronic contact register,
and
effectuating automatic sending of a special pre-configured electronic message
over a network to the recipient in dependence of the date information and the
recipient related information.

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